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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/628,661
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Group Art Unit	2853
Examiner Name	Julian D. Huffman
Attorney Docket Number	00862.021966

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 21, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

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| i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply | <u>12/23/2003 SZEWIDIE1 00000101 09628661</u> |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | <u>01 FC:1801</u> |
| iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) | <u>770.00 OP</u> |
| iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Petition for Extension of Time with check for \$420.00 | |

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three (3) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- b. Other Check for \$130.00

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205

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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) | <u>12/23/2003 SZEWIDIE1 00000103 09628661</u> |
| ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) | <u>01 FC:1460</u> |
| iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Suspension of action fee</u> | <u>130.00 OP</u> |

- b. Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed

- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature	<u>Mark A. Williamson</u>	Date	December 22, 2003 (Monday)

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